



GEARIN GETS APPOINTED

Governor Chamberlain Chooses Him Senator.

APPOINTMENT PLEASURES

Gearin Is the Popular Choice Among Majority of the Politicians.

HE WILL WORK FOR OREGON

Successor to Late Senator Mitchell Makes Statement Saying He Will Endeavor to Represent the Whole State Without Respect to Section.

Salem, Dec. 13.—Governor Chamberlain appointed John M. Gearin, of Portland, United States Senator at 10 o'clock this morning. The Governor was at his office early this morning and with the assistance of Secretary Gatens he carefully reviewed all the letters and telegrams of recommendation in favor of all the men who have been recommended to him for the office.

The communications numbered several hundred. Most of them favored Gearin, and not a single one protested against him. Even those advising the appointment of other men spoke well of Mr. Gearin.

Shortly before 10 o'clock the Governor asked the newspaper men and other to retire from the executive chamber, saying he wished to commune with himself. While alone he used the long-distance telephone, presumably to advise Mr. Gearin of his appointment. At 10 o'clock he opened the door and made the formal announcement of Gearin's appointment.

Gearin Makes Statement.

John M. Gearin, of Portland, who was yesterday appointed United States Senator by Governor Chamberlain to complete the unexpired term of the late Senator Mitchell, in a statement made yesterday afternoon, announces that it will be his purpose while a member of the Federal Senate to serve impartially and without bias of any kind the highest interests of the State of Oregon.

"It shall be my best endeavor to represent the whole State of Oregon, without respect to any section or district," said United States Senator John M. Gearin today. "I am a native of Oregon, am proud of her commercial and industrial achievements, and my every effort will be to assist in their further development.

"I shall spare no effort in the Senate to procure an adequate Federal appropriation for the improvement of both the upper and lower Columbia river, the Dalles-Celilo canal, the harbors at Coos Bay, Yaquina Bay, and other deserving points along the Pacific coast and in Oregon, for I fully realize the need of Federal assistance in developing the commercial facilities of the state.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL THE WITNESS IN THE CASE

New York, Dec. 13.—Abraham M. Hummel, an attorney was placed on trial today before Justice Rogers in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court on the charge of conspiracy and subornation of perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. When the court adjourned only four

"Irrigation is one of the recognized needs of Oregon, and I shall do all within my power to bring about the extension of irrigation work on the several projects now receiving attention in the state. I am convinced that all the power of the Federal Government available should be directed to the prosecution of irrigation and reclamation work, to the end that the arid wastes of Oregon be made productive and thus add to the agricultural wealth of the state.

"I am in hearty accord with the policy advocated by President Roosevelt on the question of railroad rate regulation, and I shall support him along those lines. It is my conviction that the railroads of the United States should be subject to governmental regulation. I do not believe in oppression of the corporation for it has fixed and recognized rights, but I am equally of the opinion that the people constituting this government have rights that should be jealously conserved and regarded."

FARMER BURNS WINS.

Des Moines, Dec. 13.—Farmer Burns tonight defeated Charles Hackenschmidt in a mixed style wrestling match. Burns won the first and third falls, catch-as-catch-can, and Hackenschmidt the second, Graco-Roman.

"WASHING LINEN"

Democratic Committee Proceedings Being Aired.

"DEFI" THROWN AT WILLIAMS

Lamar, Florida, and Shackelford, Missouri, Complain of Williams Failure to Recommend Them for Reappointment on Committees.

Washington, Dec. 13.—"Washing Democratic linen for the amusement of the Republicans" as Williams, the minority leader, put it Monday, occupied the attention of the House for more than four hours today. The result accomplished was a "defiance" thrown at the minority leader by Lamar of Florida and Shackelford, of Missouri. The complaint of both resulted from the failure of Williams to recommend their re-appointment as members of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Both made long speeches assailing Williams' leadership. Williams replied to Lamar at some length and briefly to Shackelford. His defense was that at the last session, the Democrats on this committee were divided, and he deemed it necessary for the good of the party and country, that a united minority report be made on the subject of railroad rate legislation. At times there was high tension in the debate. Lamar was particularly bitter, in his criticism he openly declared his heretofore personal friendship for Williams was forever at an end unless the criticisms of himself were retracted. He, however, would have recognized Williams as the party leader.

Shackelford denounced all bosses, and placed himself entirely independent of party leadership in the House.

The subject under discussion was the committee's distribution of the annual message of President Roosevelt. At the conclusion of the Democratic debate, this had not been accomplished and the hour adjourned.

PERKINS RESIGNS THE VICE-PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK LIFE MAN GOES OUT OF OFFICE

Resigns Vice-Presidency of Company and Also Chairmanship, Is Succeeded by Alexander Orr of the New York Rapid Transit.

CHARLES A. PEABODY IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF MUTUAL

Senator Dryden of New Jersey, President of the Prudential Life Insurance Company Was on the Witness Stand—Says He Favors Federal Supervision of Life Insurance Companies Through a National Insurance Department—Would Benefit Both Companies and Those Insured.

New York, Dec. 13.—Two incidents affecting the life insurance situation of New York today overshadowed the legislative investigation committee. While the committee was inquiring into the conduct of the Prudential Life Insurance Company and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, George W. Perkins, resigned the vice presidency and chairmanship of the finance committee of the New York Life. He is succeeded by Alexander E. Orr, president of the New York City Rapid Transit Commission, and as chairman of the finance committee, by John Claffin, head of the H. B. Claffin Company.

Another important move in the situation, was the election by the trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Charles A. Peabody who succeeded Richard A. McCurdy, as president of that company at \$50,000 a year. Peabody is a lawyer, the American representative of William Waldorf-Astor, the director of several banks, and other corporations. Peabody was also nominated as trustee of the Mutual to succeed Justice Peckham and Emory McClintock, nominated to succeed Elihu

Root. They cannot be elected as trustees until the next meeting of the board.

Senator Dryden, of New Jersey, president of the Prudential Life again testified before the investigating committee today and made a statement giving reasons for favoring federal supervision of life insurance companies through a national insurance department, which he said should have high authority over them. This, he said, would benefit both the companies and those insured.

Just before adjournment today Haley Fiske, vice president of the Metropolitan Company, told of an incident in which the company commissioned William A. Read to buy 3333 shares of railroad stock for the company. Fiske said, Read, the same day sold the stock to a company of brokers for \$10 a share less than the broker sold it to the Metropolitan. Mr. Fiske said he tried to get the money back, but Read refused to surrender it.

Peabody has issued an open letter to the policyholders of the Mutual bespeaking their confidence and assuring them the company is operated in their interests, economy and lawful methods are pledged.

WILD RUMORS CIRCULATED.

London, Dec. 13.—The correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg says a wild story is in circulation there that General Count Alexis Ignatieff was arrested by order of the emperor for plotting to establish a dictatorship. Inquiry at Ignatieff's house, the correspondent says, failed to elicit a confirmation or denial of the story.

BUSINESS DEMORALIZED.

Moscow, Dec. 13. (By telephone to St. Petersburg).—A veritable panic prevails on the Bourse. The complete collapse of business in the provinces has been attended by many bankruptcies.

Agrarian disturbances are extending almost to the gates of the city. The country mansions of many of the nobles including that of Count Shakovskoi have been burned.

GO ON STRIKE.

New York, Dec. 13.—It was announced today that the teamsters in the employ of Clark, Chapin and Bushnell, wholesale grocers had gone out on strike by order of the officers of the local lodge of the International Brotherhood of teamsters, the firm having refused to sign the closed shop agreement which the union insist upon.

Mr. Bushnell says that he has secured a sufficient number of men to take the place of the strikers and with adequate police protection will be able to defy the union. If the firm succeeds in doing this there is said to be a probability that the general strike of teamsters will be called in the grocery district.

SEAT COMES HIGH.

New York, Dec. 13.—A membership on the New York Stock Exchange sold today for \$88,000, which is the highest price which a stock exchange seat has ever sold for. The previous high record was \$85,000.

LAND FRAUDS IN WASHINGTON FOUND

Government Was Cheated Out of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars by the Hyde-Benson Ring.

Tuacoma, Dec. 13.—Proceedings affecting more than 100 residents of the state of Washington and involving the title to thousands of acres of land obtained under Benson and Hyde patents, have been brought before the United States court by District Attorney Frye. The present action is the outgrowth of a suit brought several weeks ago by the government to cancel the patents issued to Benson, Hyde and others. The land claimed by the government is valued at \$500,000, and is located in Pierce, Thurston, Chehalis, and Lewis counties, and certain tracts north of Seattle.

HARRIMAN TO TESTIFY

Asks Insurance Committee to Allow Him to Answer Ryan.

New York, Dec. 13.—Edward H. Harriman today wrote to the legislative insurance investigating committee asking that he be given an opportunity to go on the stand and testify regarding his attempt as described by Ryan, to share in Ryan's holdings in the Equitable Life.

The committee has replied to his request that it will be granted and Harriman may testify tomorrow.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 13.—The schooner Florencia on a voyage from Bluefields, Nicaragua to Port Limon, Costa Rica, was wrecked. Among those lost was Frederick M. H. Wood, British consul to Port Limon and two Americans, John Tibant and W. M. Rather, the latter from Texas, also three sailors. One passenger and two sailors were rescued.

BIG SMELTER SOLD.

Denver, Dec. 13.—Announcement was made last night that a controlling interest in the Ohio & Colorado Smelter at Salida, Colorado had been sold and that the purchasers would extend the business of the company by constructing new plants at Salt Lake and Denver. Timothy Goodwin, of Denver, one of the former owners of the stock transferred, is authority for the announcement. He said that he was not permitted a this time to disclose the identity of the purchasers but that they were not in any way connected with the American Smelting & Refining Company. The price paid for the Salida plant was \$2,250,000.

ANOTHER HAZING

An Annapolis Midshipman is Barbarously Treated.

BY COWARDLY CLASSMATES

Midshipman Kimbrough of Tennessee Is Stood Alternately on His Head and Heels Until He Becomes Unconscious—Department Will Investigate.

Annapolis, Dec. 13.—Admiral Sands, superintendent of the Naval Academy has reported the hazing of Midshipman J. P. Kimbrough of Germantown, Tenn., to Secretary Botaparte. Kimbrough was hazed for giving information in the courtmartial of Meriwether. He was stood alternately on head and heels until he became unconscious in which condition he was found by his roommate, Midshipman Coffin, of Carson City, Nevada, and Midshipman Vanderver, of Mount Holly, N. J., who were on duty at the time, have been recommended, it is said, for suspension. Coffin was one of the hazers and Vanderver failed to report the incident though cognizant of it.

RUNAWAY TROLLEY CAR KILLS THREE PERSONS

Car Dashing Down a Steep Hill Strikes Another Loaded With Passengers With Terrible Results.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 13.—A heavy runaway trolley car dashing down College Hill faster than a mile a minute tonight struck a heavily loaded Cambridge Springs car, killing three passengers and injuring a dozen or more.

REPORTED LOSS DENIED.

Cheyenne, Dec. 13.—Railroad and express company officials here deny the report that \$90,000 in gold coin was destroyed when the Overland Limited was wrecked at Absay. The officials admit the complete destruction of six hundred sacks of Australian mail.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Insurgents Set Up Government At Livonia.

DECLARE INDEPENDENCE

Former Governor and Russian Officials Imprisoned—New Officers Appointed.

PEASANTS PLUNDER ESTATES

Landlords and Noblemen Are Fleeing for Their Lives, Fearful of the Poor Peasantry Who Armed, Are Attacking and Pillaging the Rich.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Two messengers who arrived from Riga today, having walked about 130 miles to catch the train at Plock not only confirm the report that a provisional government has been set up at Livonia, but say many troops have gone over to the insurgents. Dvina fort, commanding Riga harbor is in their possession and the governor and other Russian officials are prisoners. The messengers add that the provisional government exercises authority throughout Livonia and part of Courland. The new government has declared the separation of the Lithuanian people from the Russian empire. They have chosen the local officials and decreed the closing of spirit shops and breweries, and the annulment of contracts between peasants and landowners. There is a general uprising of native peasants who are traveling in armed bands, attacking the estates and driving off or killing the owners.

Some land owners organized volunteer battalions to protect their property, the authorities being powerless to afford aid, but the majority are fleeing in terror. The peasants forbid the owners to sell grain or lumber and formally declare the forests, in the estates of those who have departed to be confiscated.

The position of the peasants in these provinces is the most deplorable of any in the entire empire. Conditions almost approaching the feudal system have been continued down to the present time.

The rich have practically kept the peasants in a state of vassalage, placing them at the mercy of the German barons, from whom they rent the land to purchase the right to cut wood, and to fish from the waters of the gulf.

Russian officials are being expelled from the provinces and many have been killed in the streets of the towns. There is a reign of terror at Riga.

CORONATION NEXT JUNE.

Christiania, Dec. 13.—The government has fixed June 23d of next year for the coronation of King Haakon and Queen Maud.

CANAL APPROPRIATION BILL WILL COME UP

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Senate was in session only an hour and a half today, and a portion of that time was spent in considering executive business. A number of private bills were introduced in open session. Senator Allison presented the report of the committee on appropriations on the canal bill, giving notice that he would call it up

for consideration tomorrow. A communication from Secretary Shaw regarding the campaign contribution by the national banks was read. The secretary enclosed a letter from the controller of currency, saying that the reports of the bank inspectors reveal only a few small contributions during the last fourteen years.